

## What To Do If You See Illegal Dumping:

If you see someone illegally dumping trash, debris, yard clippings, oil or chemicals in a storm drain, within a stream buffer, or in a drainage ditch, please report it right away!

Call the **24-Hour Environmental Hotline:**

**(770) 278-7145**

Or visit the website below and fill out the form to report illegal dumping.

**[www.rockdalecounty.org/stormwater](http://www.rockdalecounty.org/stormwater)**

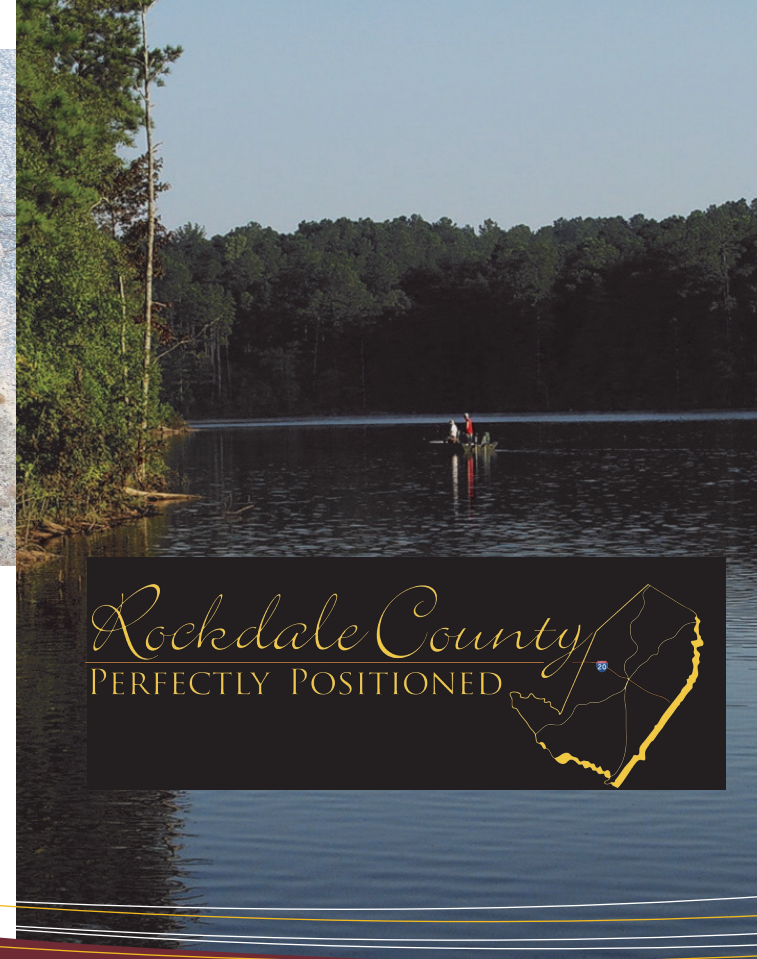


**To report drainage system maintenance concerns to the Stormwater Utility, please call:**

**(770) 278-7100**

**or visit the website to submit a service request.**

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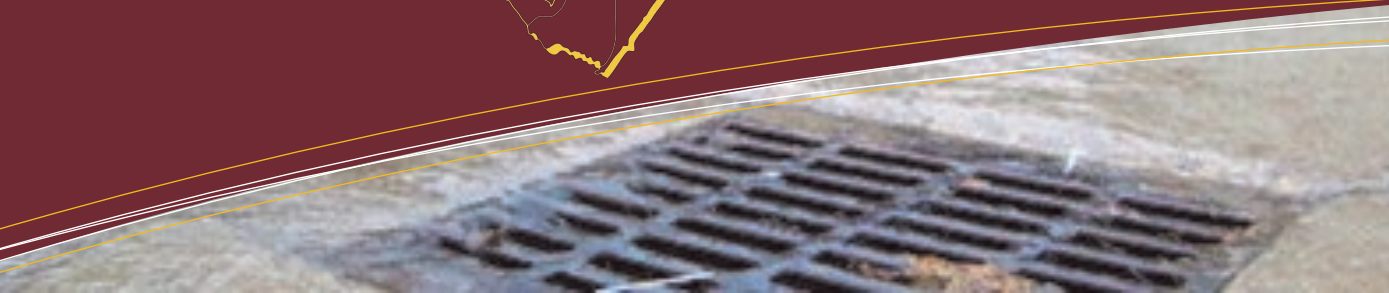
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**DURING**

### Illegal Dumping!

It happens more than you think.

Look at the photo below where some one decided to save some money by dumping their construction waste next to the Yellow River in our County. Asphalt and concrete debris, contaminated soil, and more were thoughtlessly dumped, destroying the stream buffer, filling in the flood plain and contaminating the environment.



**BEFORE**

### Illegal Dumping Is Not Worth It!

Clean up is expensive and time consuming. The illegal dumping was reported to the County and enforcement action was taken with the owner of the property. The cost of this clean up was over \$50,000 and took several months to complete. A property owner, individual, or company caught illegally dumping can be forced to restore the area at their own expense!



**AFTER**

### How Was The Dump Site Restored?

Fortunately through a collaborative effort between the Rockdale County Stormwater Utility, Code Enforcement, and Planning and Development, the responsible party was identified, issued a Notice of Violation, and required to restore the property to its original condition. The following steps were taken to restore the area:

- All debris was removed and disposed of properly.
- The floodplain was graded back to its original elevation (important to eliminate flooding problems elsewhere).
- The stream buffer was re-planted with native trees and grasses similar to what was there prior to the dumping. Stream buffers are critical for the health of our streams, they filter pollutants, stabilize the stream banks to prevent erosion, and create shade to keep the streams at the proper temperature for wildlife.

*\*The photo to the left shows a portion of the restored illegal dump site.*